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Virginia Department of Education
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DATE: March 19, 2021
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: James F. Lane, Ed.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **Update on the Revised *World Language Standards of Learning***

The Virginia Board of Education adopted revised *World Language Standards of Learning* on March 18, 2021. The newly adopted world language standards are available on the [Virginia Department of Education's website](#).

Recognizing that curriculum alignment efforts require planning, time, staff development, and resources, the Virginia Department of Education's goal for the implementation schedule allows teachers to begin, in the fall of 2021, to focus instruction on the content in the newly revised *World Language Standards of Learning*.

School divisions should begin to:

- review and align their world language curricula with the revised standards;
- review current resource materials and correlate them with the revised standards;
- identify new materials where needed; and
- provide staff development for teachers as appropriate.

Additional resources to support the implementation of the 2021 *World Language Standards of Learning* are available on the [World Language Instruction page](#) of the Virginia Department of Education website.

Informational and training sessions to aid divisions in rolling out the new standards will take place in summer and fall 2021. Sessions will be open to representatives from all school divisions and will be tailored to address questions and needs of different groups within the

division, such as instructional staff, curriculum and assessment developers, building and central office administrators, and school counselors. Details regarding the training opportunities will be disseminated in late spring.

For more information

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